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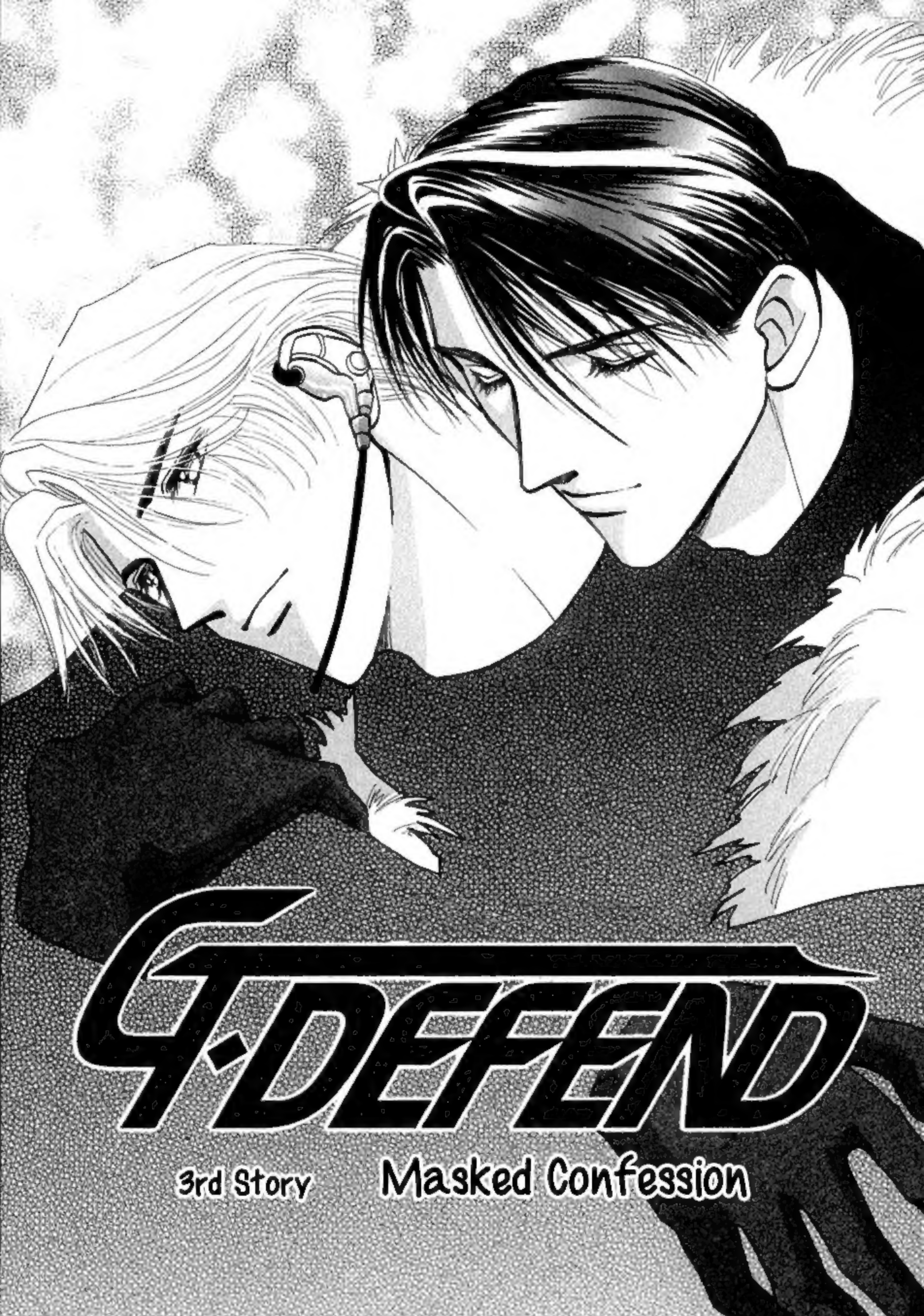
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I YIELD!

AT THE NATIONAL DIET GARRISON,

THE RULES PROHIBIT LOVE BETWEEN GARRISON MEMBERS...

AT LEAST, THAT IS THE OFFICIAL STANCE.

WAAH!!

YEAH! AH!!

GET UP, FUKATSU!

AH NO, HE CAN'T MOVE.

SQUEEZE HIM TIGHTER, INSTRUC-TOR!

SO STRONG!

EVEN WHEN FIVE GUYS TRY TO TAKE HIM, HE'S STILL STANDING.

WERE YOU REALLY GIVING IT YOUR ALL?

OF COURSE I WAS!

WHEN DID THIS BEGIN?

JUST AFTER YOU STARTED YOUR LAST BOUT.

!!

INSTRUCTOR, FUKATSU YIELDS.

CRACK

HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU ON? ***ALL OF YOU.***

YES! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

IN-STRUC-TOR, I'M NEXT!

NO, ME!

that's No! not exactly...

HE WAS LAUGHING AT ME.

HUGE MISUN-DER-STAND-ING

He was just happy he could spar with you.

Ah... ha...

ARGH!

Owww!

So you thought you could take on the instructor at your level?

Okay! I'm gonna teach you a little lesson today!

WHAT?

AM.. AM I WEAK?

BEFORE... I WAS SQUEEZING HIM AS HARD AS I COULD, BUT...

WHY WOULD YOU ASK THAT?

But at least he's taking them out without hurting them.

THE DOG'S OFF HIS LEASH.

...

Waa ah!

Hey,

WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN PAIN, SOMETIMES THEY EXPRESS IT STRANGELY AND APPEAR TO BE LAUGHING...

BUT IF I TELL HIM THE TRUTH, HE'S SURE TO GET PISSED.

Yep, Yep! Totally true!

nod nod

OH, REALLY?

IWASE IS SO STRONG THAT EVEN I... GET A LITTLE JEALOUS.

BUT IN REALITY, THERE ARE MANY COUPLES, AND THEIR EXISTENCE IS USUALLY OVERLOOKED...

THAT'S RIGHT... LOVE BETWEEN GARRISON MEMBERS IS ACTUALLY PROHIBITED.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION...

WHAT WAS THAT? I FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS WATCHING US.....

VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE GARRISON KNOW ABOUT IWASE AND ME...

THAT IN THE WORST CASE, SUCH RELATION-SHIPS COULD INTERFERE WITH GARRISON OPERATIONS.

BUT IT'S ALWAYS POSSIBLE

Geeze.

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK ALL THE GARRISON MEN SEE ME THAT WAY!?

THOSE GUYS WERE ALL OVER YOU DURING TRAINING, AND THEY ENJOYED IT.

THERE ARE GUYS THAT DO, THOUGH!

'MIXED UP?' NOW COME ON...

I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE DON'T GET MIXED UP WITH THE GARRISON GUYS.

I DIDN'T THINK MY DESIRE TO MONOPOLIZE YOU WAS THIS STRONG.

...OKAY.

IF YOU UNDER-STAND, GO HAVE YOUR BATH.

DON'T THINK YOU CAN TRY TO CONTROL ME LIKE THIS JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE MY LOVER!

I WANT TO TRAIN, TOO!

MAYBE I SAID TOO MUCH,

BUT IF I DON'T PUT MY FOOT DOWN NOW, IT'LL JUST GET WORSE.

beep

I HATE THAT THERE ARE GUYS HERE WHO VIEW YOU WITH MORE THAN FRIENDLY FEELINGS, HARUKA.

CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

beep

beep

beep

ARE THEY TRYING TO BE CONSIDERATE OF ME BY CONTACTING IWASE INSTEAD?

Might be a wrong number...

beep

beep

THAT'S NOT MY RADIO.

beep

beep

beep

IT'S IWASE'S.

WHO IS...?

Beep

UMM...

I LIKE YOU,

IWASE.

Beep..

WHAT... WAS THAT!?

WHA...

IWASE...

THAT THEY LIKE...

THEY DEFINITELY SAID... 'LIKE'...

JUST NOW...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

NO... NOTHING.

GOOD NIGHT...

'NIGHT.

I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

...click

CALM DOWN!

THINK IT THROUGH SLOWLY FROM THE BEGINNING...

thump thump thump thump thump thump

heart pounding

I APOLOGISE FOR HOW I ACTED IN THE TRAINING ROOM.

SO PLEASE DON'T BE UPSET.

I... I CAN'T SLEEP.

I'm sure it was a man, but.

BUT... WHOSE VOICE WAS THAT!?

SOMEONE CONFESSED TO YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT. SOMEONE..

NO... I WAS WRONG, TOO... I'M NOT ANGRY ANY MORE.

He looks exhausted!!

.....

GOOD MORNING.

HEY.

NO, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG. WE D.DN'T DO ANYTH.NG LAST N.GHT!

Communicating with their eyes

IWASE..?

yawn

HE MUST BE HERE!..

THE MAN WHO SAYS HE LIKES IWASE

WE'RE STARTING THE MORNING ASSEMBLY!

IN THE END, I COULDN'T DETERMINE WHO IT WAS

The instructor's voice sounds different today.

HIS VOICE SOUNDED SERIOUS. I DON'T THINK HE WAS JOKING

EVEN IF I ASSUME HE WAS SERIOUS, HE CAN'T BE EXPECTING THAT IWASE WOULD RETURN HIS LOVE.

HE JUST SAID WHAT HE WANTED AND HUNG UP

WITHOUT GIVING HIS NAME

EVEN IF I KNEW WHO HE WAS

WHAT WOULD I DO?

I... I'M DOING SOMETHING REALLY HORRIBLE...

I SUPPOSE HE JUST WANTED

TO EXPRESS HIS FEELINGS...?

THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN MY DESIRE TO MONOPOLISE HIM,

EVEN THOUGH I SHOULD TELL IWASE,

I DON'T WANT TO.

IS THAT... BECAUSE I DON'T WANT HIM TO BECOME AWARE OF A GARRISON MEMBER WHO'S FACE I DON'T EVEN KNOW?

EVEN THOUGH I TOLD IWASE HIMSELF NOT TO DO THE SAME THING...

ISHIKAWA!

Y... YEAH.

I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU FOR A WHILE.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?

YOU'RE ANYTHING BUT ALL RIGHT!

CONTINUING A JOB AS DEMANDING AS YOURS IN A STATE OF EXHAUSTION IS NOTHING SHORT OF DANGEROUS!

THANK YOU.

IF YOU CAN'T SLEEP, I'LL GIVE YOU A SLEEPING PILL.

DOCTOR ...

YOUR ASSISTANT CAN STAY HERE AND CONTINUE HIS WORK.

DO YOU WANT ME TO DRAG YOU?

No argument

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NAP.

YOU WILL COME WITH ME.

↑

Resistance is futile.

Ha ha... THANK YOU.

IT'S ONLY WARM MILK.

WHAT'S THIS?

HERE YOU GO.

I WONDER WHAT YOU'D DO IN THIS SITUATION...

DOCTOR ..

YOU'RE INCREDIBLY BUSY. IT'S TO BE EXPECTED THAT YOU'D GET TIRED ONCE IN A WHILE.

Everybody understands that

EVEN THOUGH I'M ALWAYS TELLING EVERYONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR HEALTH, I'M THE ONE WHO...

HAS ANYTHING SIMILAR EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

I DON'T WANT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE GARRISON MEN.

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT I'D DO IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

I'VE THOUGHT BEFORE THAT THERE MUST BE GUYS IN THE GARRISON WHO LIKE HIM.

WOULD YOU MIND IF I TELL YOU ABOUT SOMETHING?

YEAH...

I GUESS THERE'S NO ONE WHO'D DARE TO ACTUALLY CONFESS TO HIM, THOUGH.

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THERE WERE ALSO MEN WHO HAVE DEEPER FEELINGS FOR HIM.

I'M WELL AWARE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LIKE NISHIWAKI.

I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THAT BEFORE, TOO.

AT ANY RATE, IF THE OBJECT OF AFFECTION WERE IWASE, HE'D PROBABLY NOTICE RIGHT AWAY AND JUST GET THEM TO CONFESS.

I'D PROBABLY ACT THE SAME AS YOU.

BUT IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT DID HAPPEN,

He he

YES, I'M SURE.

EVEN IF THEY DID CONFESS, I'M SURE HE'D BE ABLE TO LET THEM DOWN GENTLY WITH HIS SILVER TONGUE.

IWASE WOULD BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU FEEL PROTECTIVE OF HIM.

DON'T WORRY.

WELL, IT'S MORE THAT YOU'RE TOO EASY TO READ

IWASE IS REALLY PERCEPTIVE, ISN'T HE?

NO...

HE'S SLEEPING. IS IT URGENT?

THEN PLEASE DON'T WAKE HIM.

DOC-TOR,

HOW IS ISHIKAWA?

I FEEL A BIT BETTER AFTER TALKING WITH YOU.

YEAH ...

THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

Hta ha..

YEAH, THAT'S FINE, TOO

EVEN IF I'M JUST GRUM-BLING?

YOU, TOO, DOCTOR. TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING.

I'M HERE ANY TIME YOU FEEL LIKE TALKING.

LIKE I THOUGHT... HE'S WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING AGAIN.

WHEN HE'S WORRIED HE ALWAYS MESSES UP HIS HEALTH, BUT EVEN THEN HE'S TOO STUBBORN TO TAKE TIME OFF WORK.

IWASE.

WHEN THAT TIME COMES, FOR THE SAKE OF ISHIKAWA'S HEALTH, PLEASE RESOLVE IT QUICKLY.

BUT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIX THIS SITUATION IS YOU.

I EXPECT THAT ISHIKAWA WILL TELL YOU THE REASON HE COULDN'T SLEEP HIMSELF.

I'M PREPARED TO GIVE MY ALL TO PROTECT HIS HEART AS WELL AS HIS BODY.

HMM.

UNDER-STOOD, DOCTOR.

I'm begging you, Makiyama!

All right I guess I'll wait

One day huh?

SHH!

IF THIS GETS OUT, I'LL GET ANOTHER PAY CUT.

BUT EVEN IF I DON'T SAY ANY-THING...

JUST WAIT ONE MORE DAY.

AND TELL ME IF YOU FIND IT OR NOT.

WHAT!? WHERE!?

I WONDER WHAT THAT GUY'S DOING NOW.

I WONDER IF HE FEELS RELIEVED AFTER CONFESSING HIS FEELINGS.

WHAT HAS HE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IWASE ALL THIS TIME?

IF HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO CAN ACT NORMALLY EVEN IF IWASE'S AROUND, I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT SEARCHING.

IN THE END, I COULDN'T FIND ANYONE WHO SEEMED LIKELY.

THAT TIME WHEN I FELT LIKE WE WERE BEING WATCHED..

WAS THAT...?

-thump -thump

AGAIN...?

beep

beep

beep

beep

Beep beep

beep

IT'S STOPPED

beep

beep

IS THAT MY RADIO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT PROBABLY WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT.

IT'S NO GOOD... I CAN'T TELL HIM.

IWASE...

WHEN I CAN'T ANSWER MY RADIO, YOU NORMALLY ANSWER IT FOR ME, DON'T YOU?

SO WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER IT THIS TIME?

NO... NO ONE.

WHO WAS IT?

THIS HAPPENED YESTERDAY, TOO, RIGHT?

!...

IN THAT CASE, I'M JUST GOING TO GO AND ASK THE DOCTOR.

REALLY.

THAT GUY IS STILL CHASING AFTER IWASE!

YES!!

IS IT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TELL ME?

WHAT HAPPENED? HARUKA!

THEN PLEASE, ENLIGHTEN ME.

THE DOCTOR DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

THEN THE DOCTOR WILL TELL ME THAT.

Hmm... how should I ask him

STOP IT, IWASE!

DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY.

I DID SOMETHING REALLY HORRIBLE.

such a big grin

I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T TELL YOU.

... THAT'S ALL.

Took more than 2 hours for him to explain properly

Ah.
I'M SORRY.
SEEING YOUR FACE LIKE THAT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE SUCH AN IDIOT FOR WORRYING ABOUT THIS SINCE YESTERDAY!
I'm going to sleep!
Geeze!
You got jealous over me!
BUT... HARUKA... SO CUTE... ♡
DON'T CALL ME CUTE!
IT'S THAT NAMELESS GUY WHO'S THE IRRE-SPONSIBLE ONE.
YOU'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG, HARUKA.
TAKING THE FEELINGS OF SOME RIVAL WE DON'T EVEN KNOW SO SERIOUSLY...
HARUKA, YOU'RE SO NICE.

AS TIME PASSES, IT BECOMES HARDER TO SAY ANYTHING, DOESN'T IT?

I KNOW IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO FORCE YOU TO TELL ME,

BUT I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GO ON LOSING SLEEP AND JEOPARDISING YOUR HEALTH...

THANK YOU...

BUT I WASE WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE'S SOME GUY WHO LIKES YOU?

SOME GUY WHO WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU..

LET'S FIND HIM!

WHAT?

WITH THINGS LIKE THIS, IT'S BEST TO BE DIRECT.

FOR THAT GUY'S SAKE, TOO.

BECAUSE FOR ME, THERE'S NO ONE BUT YOU, HARUKA.

I'M GOING TO FIND HIM AND TELL HIM THAT I DON'T RETURN HIS FEELINGS.

BUT... WHAT IF HE DOESN'T GIVE UP?

THEN I'LL MAKE HIM GIVE UP.

SO, THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT IS THAT YOU TWO HEAR EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARRISON, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

REALLY, HE ALWAYS FINDS THE WORDS TO MAKE EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT SO EASILY.

I won't

Don't say anything about me, okay?

SORRY.

I WAS WONDERING WHY I WAS ASKED TO EAT BREAKFAST IN THE CHEF'S ROOM.

HONESTLY, THE IMPRESSION I HAD OF THE VOICE HAS ALREADY STARTED TO FADE.

IT WASN'T ESPECIALLY HIGH OR LOW. I DIDN'T THINK IT HAD A DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER.

THERE ARE A LOT OF GUYS WHO LIKE IWASE, BUT... I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE WHO LIKES HIM IN THAT WAY.

WELL, THERE'S NO WAY THAT EVEN THE INSTRUCTOR WOULD BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH THE VOICES OF EVERY GARRISON MEMBER OVER RADIO.

EVEN IF IT WAS UNDISTORTED...

HE'LL PROBABLY TRY TO CONTACT YOU BY RADIO TONIGHT AS WELL

IF YOU TWO DON'T KNOW, THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD KNOW.

HANG ON.

RADIO...

Marty was an exception

IWASE IS VERY MASCULINE, SO HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO BE VIEWED AS AN OBJECT OF ATTRACTION.

THAT'S TRUE.

NISHIWAKI..

You're bringing that up?

These guys?

Why..!?

UM..

YOU LOST IT.

TELL ME HONESTLY.

I.. I APOLOGISE!

AND IT'S JUST TURNED UP AGAIN?

HUH?

..beep

Oh!

Y... YES, THIS IS SAKAGUCHI.

beep!

Geeze

BE MORE CAREFUL WITH IT!

YOU SAVED ME! THANKS SO MUCH, MAKIYAMA.

THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY...

AND YESTERDAY, EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE OFF DUTY, YOU CAME TO WORK IN ORDER TO LOOK FOR IT?

WHEN I WAS DOING REPAIRS IN THE CARPARK THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, I LOST MY RADIO!

YES!

WHERE WAS IS?

AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE WEST BUILDING.

But it wasn't there the day before.

WELL...

REALLY !?

JUST THIS ONCE, WE WILL LET YOU OFF WITH A SEVERE REPRIMAND.

SAKA-GUCHI.

BUT IT SEEMS THAT YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU DID.

USUALLY, AN ERROR LIKE THIS WOULD BE A SEVERELY PUNISHED,

Somewhat exaggerating

CHECK THE DATA RECORDS OF EVERYONE WHO PASSED IN AND OUT OF THE CARPARK AROUND THE TIME YOU LOST YOUR RADIO, AND EVERYONE WHO PASSED THROUGH THE ENTRANCE TO W BUILDING THIS MORNING, AND MAKE A LIST.

On top of that, the deadline is today

Not a task so much as a PUNISHMENT.

beep

beep beep

HEY, SAKAGUCHI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN CENTRAL COMMAND?

APPAR-ENTLY IT'S A SPECIAL ASSIGN-MENT.

Maintenance Squad

No, I've gone too far Whose is it?

Oh no, so many groups

beep

tap tap

SO, THE GUY THAT CONFESSED TO YOU WASN'T ONE OF THE GARRISON MEMBERS.

DO YOU FEEL A BIT RELIEVED?

...I DON'T KNOW.

My eyes are itchy

WHO MESSED AROUND WITH MY RADIO!?

NISHI-WAKI.. SIR.

YOU'VE FINISHED?

GOOD JOB.

I GUESS I REALLY DID JUST IMAGINE IT.

IT'S REALLY BEEN BOTHERING ME, THAT FEELING I HAD OF BEING WATCHED.

THE TRAINING ROOM?

BUT NO ONE EXCEPT THE GARRISON MEMBERS CAN ENTER.

IT'S JUST THE TIME WHEN YOU GET OFF WORK, ISN'T IT?

Thank you for your hard work

Yeah, you, too

I just know I'm going to lose it again

SPIN SPIN

GARRISON

YEAH. I'D FORGOTTEN TO CHECK THE PEOPLE ENTERING FROM OUTSIDE THE GARRISON.

YOU'VE REALLY FOUND OUT WHO IT WAS?

I'LL SKIP THE REST AND SHOW YOU.

Here you go

YOU'VE FOUND HIM!?

AND THAT IS WHY I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU THE USE OF MY CHEF'S ROOM FOR SUPPER.

AH...

SO THAT'S IT. I THOUGHT SO.

IT HAS TO BE HIM.

THIS IS YOUR MAN.

!

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS !?

He'd also know the personal radio numbers.

AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER, HE COULD ALSO GET ACCESS TO THE TRAINING ROOM UNDER THE PRETENCE OF OBSERVATION.

ESUMI WAS AT BOTH THE CAR PARK AND W BUILDING.

THIS IS A LIST OF THE SURVEILLANCE RECORDS PULLED BY SAKAGUCHI.

IT'S ESUMI, WITHOUT A DOUBT.

ESUMI TOSHIYA. HE JUST ENTERED THIS YEAR.

HE LOOKED AT YOU MANY TIMES AS YOU PASSED HIM.

HE CAME HERE TO OBSERVE AND TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

INTUITION.

BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I GUESS NOT.

Although you'd sense murderous intent immediately

NO... NOT AT ALL.

YOU MUST HAVE IT NOTICED, TOO.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM AND WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO CONFESS?

WHAT ASPECT OF IWASE ATTRACTED YOU...?

NOTHING.

HAVE YOU SAID ANYTHING TO HIM?

HIS STRENGTH? IT'S OBVIOUS AT A GLANCE

THE SENSE THAT HE COULD OVERPOWER ANYONE AROUND HIM?

THAT STRENGTH OF HIS ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.

YOU SEEM SO DELICATE AND GRACEFUL WHEN YOU LOOK AT IWASE,

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

J.GARRISON

J.GARRISON

WHAT IS IT?

ISHIKAWA?

I... I'VE ENDED UP WITH SUCH AN AMAZING GUY.

WHAT IT IS TO BE... ATTRACTED.

NO.
NOTHING REALLY...

WHAT DID I JUST SAY!?

MAX HAWK-WARDNESS

BWA HA HA!!

WHOA!?

JUMP

LET'S

FINISH IT, HARUKA.

DG COM-MITTEE HEAD-QUAR-TERS

ESUMI, WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, GET ON WITH THE FILES.

YES.

ESUMI, I HAVE TO GO TO THE ASSEMBLY HALL. GET THE CAR.

PARDON? EXCUSE ME, BUT ..

WHAT IS IT?

I HAVE TO SORT OUT THESE FILES ...

DO IT WHEN YOU GET BACK.

YES.

MORE OVER-TIME TONIGHT, THEN .

HE'S AT WORK TODAY.

I'M SURE HE DOESN'T KNOW IT WAS ME

AM I STILL HOPING, SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN?

WITH THAT, I MEANT TO PUT AN END TO IT.

RATHER THAN CONTINUE THIS KIND OF INDECISIVE THINKING

IT'S BETTER TO BE DIRECT AND GET IT OVER WITH

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

NO, IT'S TOO LATE... IF I WERE TO TELL HIM, AND HE DESPISED ME, IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE.

I'M SORRY.

HE DOESN'T KNOW I EXIST

ALWAYS THE SAME

THUMP FLUTTER

AH!

N... NO. I WASN'T LOOKING WHERE I WAS GOING.

YES, SORRY.

COMING, ESUMI?

NO WAY...

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I LEFT SOMETHING IN THE CAR.

plafm

"Mr. Esumi, go to No 2 Meeting Room, E8F, 3pm."

HE JUST WENT IN.

beep

beep

beep

beep

beep

beep

THIS IS IWASE.

I'LL BE FRANK.

I CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR FEELINGS.

I SEE.

...YES?

HE KNEW, AFTER ALL.

I HAVE SOMEONE SPECIAL TO ME, AND EVERYONE ELSE IS IRRELEVANT.

IT'S NOT YOU.

I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO GIVE ALL OF MYSELF TO THAT PERSON.

THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.

THERE IS SOMEONE THAT IMPORTANT TO ME.

I'M SORRY.

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

I HAVE NO INTEREST WHATSOEVER IN YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS.

I AM VERY BUSY, SO IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME.

IN FACT,

I WILL IGNORE WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

YOU MUST HAVE MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

...beep

J.GARRISON

THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME STRAIGHT.

THANK YOU.

Slide..

WELL THEN

FROM NOW ON.

NO MORE PERSONAL FEELINGS AT WORK

SOME-HOW...

I FEEL SURE THAT WE CAN BUILD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH ESUMI.

HMPH.

YOU... CERTAINLY HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS.

DON'T BE STUPID!

BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAVE THE SAME TASTE IN MEN?

WITH THIS SORTED, ISHIWAKA SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLEEP BETTER, TOO.

YEAH.

DID IT GO WELL?

I HOPE I CAN TALK TO HIM PROPERLY ABOUT THIS SOMETIME

Ha ha...

GOSH, I'M SORRY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

ISHI-KAWA ...

GUYS WHO THINK OF IWASE... AS ESUMI DID...

BUT... THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER GUYS LIKE THAT IN THE GARRISON...

SAY, NISHIWAKI, THERE'S SOMEONE I'VE REALLY FALLEN FOR.

IWASE!?

bustle

Seriously?

What?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR NOW, BUT ONE DAY WE'RE DEFINITELY GONNA GET MARRIED AND LIVE TOGETHER AND...

OH NO. IT'S TRUE ALL RIGHT.

...I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY SOUND SERIOUS.

I'M CONFIDENT THAT OUR LOVE WILL TRIUMPH.

IWASE...

Nishiwaki, too...

YEAH.
THERE'S NOT EVEN ONE MILLIMETRE OF SPACE IN MY HEART

FOR ANYONE BUT THAT PERSON.

HIS KINDNESS IS BOUNDLESS, AND HE ALWAYS MAKES EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT.

ATTRACTS ME IN WAYS I COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED.

MY LOVER ALWAYS

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF SPECULATION ABOUT THE OBJECT OF IWASE'S AFFECTIONS (MOST ASSUME IT'S A WOMAN).

WORD OF IWASE'S DECLARATION QUICKLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE GARRISON.

AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT ISHIKAWA CAN NO LONGER SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

IWASE'S DESIRE TO MONOPOLISE ISHIKAWA IS THE SAME AS ALWAYS,

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